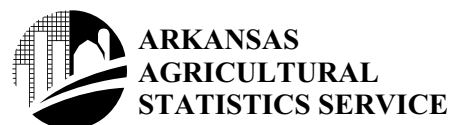


# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

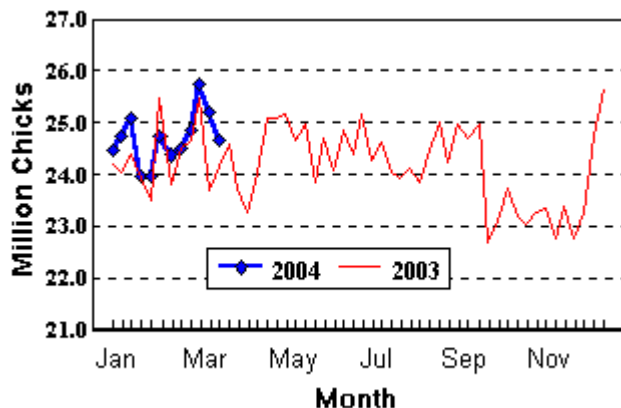
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.7 million during the week ending March 20, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through March 20, 2004 were 296.6 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.6 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

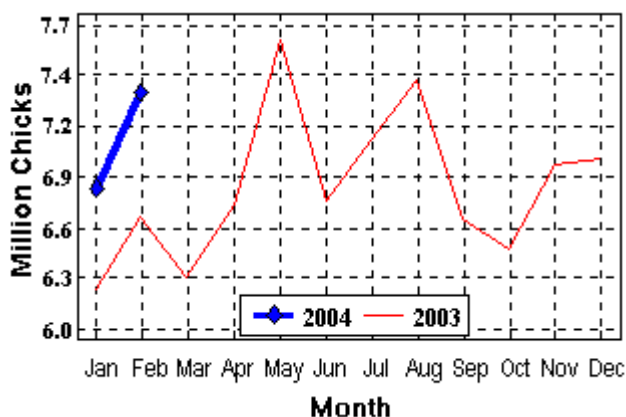
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 20, 2004, up 6 percent for the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2004, up 10 percent from February 2003.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2003- 2004**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



### NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Feb. 14	23,806	24,386	102
Feb. 21	24,509	24,532	100
Feb. 28	24,680	24,911	101
Mar. 6	25,491	25,759	101
Mar. 13	23,738	25,228	106
Mar. 20	24,173	24,705	102

### U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2002-2003	2003-2004	
	1,000		
Sep.	6,676	6,654	100
Oct.	6,265	6,485	104
Nov.	6,938	6,946	100
Dec.	6,475	6,978	108
Jan.	6,269	6,811	109
Feb.	6,659	7,340	110

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	28-Feb	06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar		14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	
Alabama	30,151 *	30,426	30,433 *	29,537	104	21,695	20,929	21,906	21,665	21,822 *	22,282	103
ARKANSAS	30,948	31,160	31,225	31,636	106	24,386 *	24,532 *	24,911 *	25,759	25,228	24,705	102
Delaware	3,946 *	3,818 *	3,199	3,611	97	4,183	5,126	4,512	4,145	4,799	5,372	108
Florida	1,344 *	1,359	1,334	1,349	83	1,713 *	1,956	1,449 *	1,695	1,791 *	1,622	104
Georgia	33,352	32,686	32,896	32,201	102	25,613	25,969	26,370	26,205	26,331	26,106	102
Kentucky	7,050 *	7,047	7,099	6,685	98	4,467 *	5,579 *	6,184 *	5,716 *	5,957 *	5,632	105
Maryland	8,854	8,861	8,826	8,923	94	6,394	5,302	5,815	6,312	5,633	5,099	83
Mississippi	19,061	19,219	19,173 *	19,113	100	16,309	16,524	16,379	16,485 *	16,503 *	16,208	99
N. Carolina	18,659 *	18,437	18,986	19,195	102	14,246	14,067	14,229	14,409	15,067	14,689	97
Oklahoma	6,430	6,516	6,506	6,657	101	4,916	4,369	4,842	4,087	5,037	5,545	115
Pennsylvania	3,805	3,877 *	3,798 *	3,763	111	2,676	2,502	2,638 *	2,668 *	2,629 *	2,730	105
S. Carolina	3,810	3,781	3,836	3,694	75	4,154	4,154	3,795	3,980	3,721	4,097	107
Texas	15,097	15,078	15,101	15,109	106	12,191	12,230	12,125	12,320	12,354	12,428	100
Virginia	6,520	6,544	6,606	6,665	100	5,099	4,925	4,890	5,093	4,992	5,662	108
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	21,787 *	21,664 *	21,461 *	21,535	103	19,223 *	19,202 *	18,274 *	18,598 *	18,659 *	19,319	100
Total 2004	210,814 *	210,473 *	210,479 *	209,673		167,265 *	167,366 *	168,319 *	169,137 *	170,523 *	171,496	
Total 2003	206,547	207,539	204,958	206,460		165,871	164,469	163,548	165,230	167,239	169,125	
%Prev. Year	102	101	103	102		101	102	103	102	102	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending March 20, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through March 20, 2004 were 2.02 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.